

## DOE Weekly Field Memo – June 17, 2009

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### **School Construction Aid for Consolidation Projects**

#### **Audience: Superintendents, Principals, School Board Members, Business Managers, Facilities Managers**

This is a reminder that current statute allows for 50 percent state aid for construction projects integral to school consolidation. Though school construction aid is currently under a moratorium, this is one of two pieces exempt from the moratorium (the other is emergencies), and approved consolidation aid can be added to the queue for payment upon funds availability. This aid is for approved consolidation projects, and would give districts 50 percent state aid for eligible, approved construction expenses necessary to achieve the consolidation. Qualified projects would reduce the number of physical buildings being operated, and it must be shown to be more cost effective than to renovate the existing buildings to the same educational and structural value. This special aid has been in place for about four years, and unless extended by the Legislature, the higher percentage **SUNSETS in 2010** (per 16 VSA 3448(a)(7)(C)). Recent examples include Weathersfield and Springfield. See Title 16, Sec 3448 a 7 c. For general information about school construction in Vermont, visit

[http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm\\_construction.html](http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_construction.html).

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### **Residency Guidance for Children of Deployed Parents in the Military**

#### **Audience: Principals, Superintendents**

This document provides guidance to parents who are being deployed and who wish to assign temporary guardianship, including education-related decision making, to someone other than the child's other parent. The department has collaborated with the Vermont National Guard's legal staff to issue guidance on how parents and schools can support these students. For more information, visit

[http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/mainlaws.html#deployed\\_parents](http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/mainlaws.html#deployed_parents).

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### **Introduction to School Nursing Practice in Vermont**

#### **Audience: Registered Nurses Who are Interested in Applying for Endorsement as a School Nurse**

The Introduction to School Nursing Practice in Vermont will be held on August 4-6, 2009 at Saint Michael's College in Colchester. Participants will identify, discuss and analyze the functions and responsibilities of the school nurse and the practice of school health services within the school community. This training fulfills one of the requirements for a Vermont School Nurse or Vermont Associate School Nurse licensure. To register, visit

<http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/calendar.html#intro>. Registration due date: July 20, 2009.

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